

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2637**

**Mount Zion Lodge No. 87, Independent Order of Odd Fellows**

**1507 Reisterstown Road**

**Baltimore, Baltimore County**

**1875 ca.**

**Private**

Exterior architectural evidence suggests that the Mount Zion Lodge No. 87, I.O.O.F. was constructed circa 1875 and dates to a late 19th century period of growth in the Third District town of Pikesville. Although prior documentation of the property indicates that the extant structure dates from 1855, this could not be confirmed at the time of the exterior architectural survey. The 1877 county atlas depicts an Odd Fellows Hall on the site of the extant structure, and the indicated building is believed to be the current resource. The building was rehabilitated after a fire in 1917. In the mid-20th century, the lodge's exterior was renovated and the façade re-clad in formstone.

Currently, the building fronts west close to the road between a gas station and a paved parking lot. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad in vinyl siding with a formstone façade. The front gable building has a metal standing seam roof that ends in a front parapet. Still visible on the back of the parapet are some of the original architectural materials including wood weatherboard siding and wood modillions. The façade of the building rises two stories with a recessed central bay that extends from the foundation to the parapet. Within this bay is the double-leaf entry door made with plate glass in metal surrounds. Two stretcher bond brick chimneys pierce the roof. One is placed on the exterior end while the other is on the interior end.

(indicate preferred name)

other Jefferson Lodge Number 9 I.O.O.F.

county Baltimore County

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

zip code 21208

tax ID number 030905025

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1875 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1875 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The town of Pikesville, located along the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike, dates to the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and was established at that time as a military post. The town was already a commercial center in 1877, and it featured a wide array of businesses and other services, including a butcher, carpenter, auctioneer, blacksmith, machinist and four merchants. Additionally, there were two physicians and one hotel listed in the 1877 county atlas.<sup>3</sup> By the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the town was densely developed and had a population of 175 inhabitants. In 1881, the town included four churches, public and parochial schools, one private academy, and several fraternal and benevolent orders.<sup>4</sup> The town continued to expand through the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, and is now suburb on the northwest side of the City of Baltimore.

<sup>1</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>2</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>3</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>4</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), pg. 834.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .1 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1875, the Mount Zion Lodge No. 87, I.O.O.F. has been associated with the 3,640 square feet of land known as tax parcel 105 of map 78 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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OWINGS MILLS  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2367  
211 GOLF COURSE ROAD

BA-0941

BA-2672  
1507 REISTERSTOWN ROAD  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

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BA-2195

USGS Quad: COCKEYSVILLE  
Scale: 1:24,000

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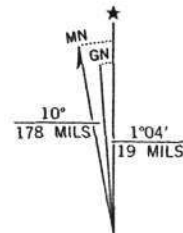
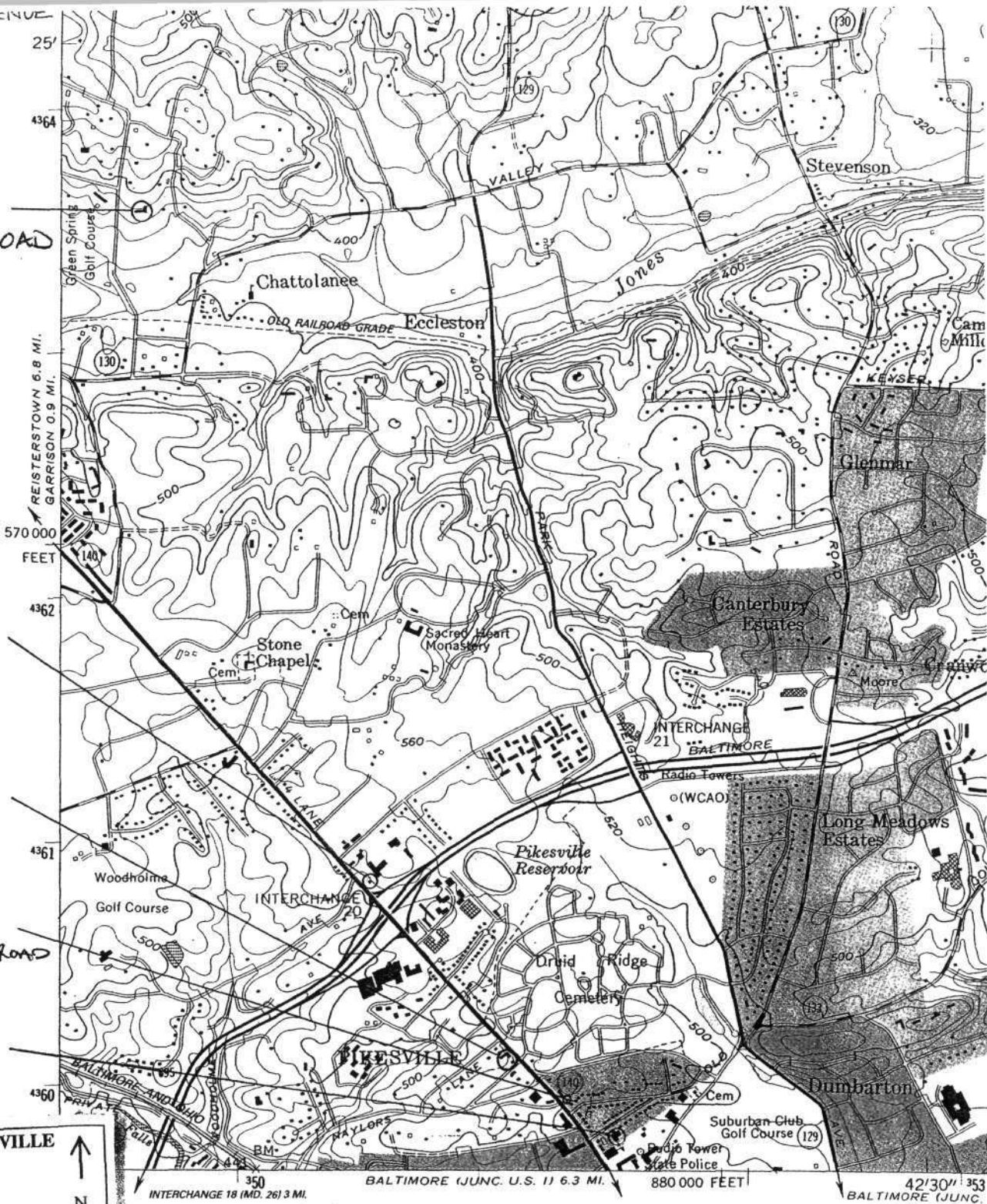
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Maryland coordinate system  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue

1927 North American Datum  
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983  
move the projection lines 7 meters south and  
27 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

Red tint indicates areas in which only  
landmark buildings are shown

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TELEPHIES

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NW CORNER

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TRACELIES

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